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HITSHUB'S HOTEL  
1 Hanover Road  
Reisterstown, Maryland

Private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

HITSHUE'S HOTEL

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1 Hanover road

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Morgan L. Gies

Telephone #: 833-2249

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1 Hanover Road

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21136

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: P/O 403

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

McGrain, John

Industrial- Archaeological Survey of N.W. Transportation Corridor

DATE

1975

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

CITY, TOWN

Towson,

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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HITSHUE'S HOTEL  
1 HANOVER ROAD

1 Hanover Road is a fragment of its former self, now a two storey frame structure three bays in width facing east towards the street, and having a low-pitched shed roof falling behind a very simple cornice above the east facade. A shallow addition one storey in height extends to the east, parrallel to the street and not to the taller structure behind; it contains display windows and entrances to the commercial enterprises within.

The structure measures approximately 28 by 31 1/2 feet. Only the cellar was accessible for inspection. Walls are of stone and some of the first floor joists are of hewn logs. A stone structure rising through the cellar west of its mid-point may have been the foundation of a chimney.

An early photograph indicates on this site a two and one half storey structure, facing south, seven bays in length with chimneys rising internally at each end of the westerly five bays. It dated from the ( ) (early nineteenth century).

The relationship of the present foundation and structure above to the original structure is unknown. Quite likely the original structure had a rear wing at its east end and it may relate to the present structure, or the present structure may relate to the east end of the seven bay structure as seen in the early photographs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1 HANOVER ROAD

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Capt. Jeremiah Ducker, a native of Montgomery County, came to Reisterstown in 1810. In 1812 he commanded a company of militia raised in the district, serving at the Battle of Bladensburg under General Stansbury (Scharf, op cit., p.860). He was a merchant by trade, for a time after the war he was a partner of Peter Reister. The Ducker & Reister Company stood on the east side of the turnpike. The 1823 Tax Assessment Records charge him with 1 1/4 acres in Reisterstown with improvements- Total value \$25.00 (McGrain op cit., IV-32). He also was in business with his brother, Major Henry Ducker.

In 1826 he acquired his first 1/2 acre at the triangular intersection of the Westminster Pike and Hanover Road when the property once belonging to Major Isaac Dickson was sold at auction (WG 184/500). This property contained "three store houses" and was advertised in the Federal Gazette for March 16, 1825.

In 1833 he acquired more land on this site from Isaac Dickson's wife. (TK 232/401). He soon had erected a tavern on the site. In 1854 he purchased yet another parcel in this same area from Abner Neal, Trustee (HF 9/460).

At his death, the acreage, now numbering 7 acres 2 roods 29 sq. perches went to his son Jeremiah T. Ducker. The 1850 Sidney Atlas shows the site of the Jeremiah Ducker tavern.

In 1862 Jeremiah T. Ducker sold the property to his son, George E. Ducker. (GHC 34/493)

In 1875 George sold the land to John W. Hitshue (Sr) (JB 90/319) who appears as a hotel owner in the 1877 Atlas. Hitshue, then, must have wasted no time in improving his investment. The 1876 District 4 Assessment Ledger valued a frame hotel at \$1000.00. Obviously prospering, Hitshue had built frame extensions on both ends of the original building. (McGrain, op. cit., IV-33)

Between 1875 and 1897, when once again it changed hands, Hitshue's became an important public gathering place in Reisterstown. It served as the polling place in 1860, when only 1 vote was cast for Lincoln in the entire district. (McGrain, op. cit., IV-33). A condemnation jury sat for several weeks at the hotel when the railroad was being extended to Hanover (1886)? (Maryland Journal Nov. 6, 1886)

Also between 1875 and 1897 Hitshue sold off some of the property. Recipients of this land were; Abbie K. Russell, Reister Russell, Thomas Stringer, George Stocksedale, Edward Sugars. Some descendants of these buyers still live in

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the vicinity to-day.

John W. Hitshue, Sr. died in 1895 and his inventory reveals some details of the Inn at the peak of its operation; "there was a parlor, sitting room, dining room, Chambers 1 through 14, a garrett, kitchen and bar room. Contents of the bar room were; bagatelle table, cues and balls, counter, shelving, ice cooler, stove., four benches, 13 chairs worth 15 cents each, screen door and lamps. There was also a wash house and a stable housing seven vehicles, a binder, and three plows. The barber shop contained a marble-topped stand, harness cupboard, and double harness nets-- but no barber chairs or accessories of the trade" (McGrain op cit., IV-33)

In 1896 John W. Hitshue, Jr. conveyed title to the property to Frederick Wineke (LMB 235/476) for \$7000.00. The younger Hitshue apparently stayed on to manage the Inn. He is listed as an inn keeper and tenant of the hotel in "Reisterstown Reminiscent..Stores" (Maryland Monthly Magazine-Sept. 1906) In 1901 Wineke sold out to Frederick Gottlieb for \$10,000.00. (NBM 250/597) Five years later Gottlieb sold the property to William L. Wise. (WPC 279/253)

In 1920 Leonidas Gies, who had run a store in the center of town (#227) purchased the hotel and erected a store (WPC 524/97). It operated on the site for nearly ten years, when in 1930 a disastrous fire struck, severely damaging the hotel, and destroying the Gies store, residence and meat house. Pictures from the period show how almost 1/2 of the original seven bay structure was destroyed. (Reisterstown Fire Co. Booklet op.cit.) John McGrain reports that only a small portion of the building was repairable, and a 1944 photograph shows the Gies Restaurant established in the remnant. Extensive rebuilding was never attempted. (McGrain op cit., IV-34)

Leonidas Gies died in 1958, and his survivors, a daughter, Margaret Ellen, and son, Morgan L. <sup>were</sup> ~~devide~~ the property. In January, 1962, Margaret Ellen deeded her share of the property to her brother, the present owner. (P/O 403) The remnant of Hitshue's hotel still stands on the intersection, covered with composition shingles, and housing small stores, and apartments. The site of the hotel is occupied by a gas station (McGrain op cit., p. IV-34)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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(Published locally, 1963)
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

430 Main St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown

STATE

Maryland 21136

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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